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4. French Christian Workers stiffen anti-Communist policy:

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The leader of the French Christian Workers Confederation has told US Embassy officials that his organization is changing its decision to send a representative to the Moscow Economic Conference scheduled for April. If anyone is sent, it will be an observer "of lower rank." The Confederation leader has also refused the invitation of a Soviet UN delegate for a meeting.

Meanwhile, the Christian Workers Confederation has withdrawn its support of the coal strike instigated a week ago in the Lorraine Basin by the Communist-led General Labor Confederation. Furthermore, the aggressive left wing of the Christian Confederation is now in agreement with the right-wing majority in resisting the Communists' campaign for unity of action among organized labor.

Comment: In mid-November the executive committee of the Christian Confederation decided to send a delegation to the anticipated Moscow conference and to recommend to the Christian Labor International that it accept a WFTU invitation for joint discussions.